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BRUNNER, SAYER, YANAIBARA ADDRESS STUDENTS

Dr. Emil Brunner, Dr. Francis Sayer, and Dr. Tadao Yanaibara spoke to a group of 3000, the majority of whom were students, at a meeting honoring the YMCA in its 50th anniversary year at Meiji University on Oct. 9.

Dr. Brunner who has recently arrived from Switzerland to be a professor at International Christian University, spoke on "The Gospel of Jesus Christ in This Age"; Dr. Sayer, a representative of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the U.S. to Japan, spoke on "Christ and the Modern Situation"; and Dr. Tadao Yanaibara, president of Tokyo University, addressed the group on the topic "The Democratization of Japan and Christianity".

STATELESS REFUGEES ARRIVE IN YOKOHAMA


Five white Russian stateless refugees from China arrived in Yokohama on Oct. 12. They are the first of a group of 95 who have already been cleared for entry into Japan by the Dept. of Immigration of the Japan Foreign Office. Still pending are applications involving 32 persons, which the Foreign Office is attempting to process as quickly as possible. The refugees, who have relatives or friends in Japan, have applied through the World Council of Churches Department of Aid to Refugees which is cooperating with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, and the NCC in Japan.

3,000 SUNDAY SCHOOLERS PARADE

3,000 Sunday School children marched through Tokyo streets to a Sunday School conference at Aoyama University on Sept. 27 in the first post-war demonstration of this kind. They carried banners emblazoned with the names of their respective Sunday Schools. An offering totaling more than \$3,000 was collected for the Sunday Schools of the Okinawa church. The meeting was typical of those sponsored all over Japan by the NCC Christian Education Dept. as part of Christian Education Week.

NCC CHURCH EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STUDIES SUNDAY SCHOOL CURRICULUM

The Church Education Department of the NCC will hold a curriculum study conference at Karuizawa from Oct. 12-15. The purpose of the



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conference will be to restudy the report on the Sunday School curriculum which Mrs. Floyd Shacklock prepared 2 years ago. Members of the Dept. include Secretary Ebisawa and the representatives of the Kyodan, the Episcopal Church, the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church, and the Salvation Army. Rev. Seishiro Iwamura will act as chairman of the conference.

SOCIAL WORK AGENCIES TO DISCUSS CHURCH AND SOCIAL WORK

The League of Christian Social Work Agencies and the Social Work Committee of the Kyodan will hold a joint conference at Ito on Oct. 13-14. The conference will discuss the "Relationship and Cooperation of Churches and Social Work Institutions" and the "Responsibility of the Church in the Midst of the Present Social Chaos". Representatives of the various social work agencies, the chairmen of the social work committees of each Kyodan District, and other prominent social workers in Japan will attend. The conference chairman will be Mr. Yoriichi Manabe, who is chairman of the League of Christian Social Work Agencies, and also chairman of the Social Work Committee of the Kyodan.

NCC HOLDS LITERATURE EVANGELISM CONFERENCES

Literature Evangelism was the subject of a conference held in the Okayama Church on Sept. 1. Twenty-five pastors and evangelists of the local council of churches gathered to hear Secretary Norimichi Ebisawa of the NCC Literature Dept. explain the organization of the NCC, and the three year plan of the Literature Production Dept.

As a result of the meeting, the Okayama Christian Council was organized, with a Literature Committee composed of Rev. Masao Tsuboi and Rev. Shigeru Fujisawa. A local book store will be asked to be a center for Christian Literature.

At Nagoya, another branch of the NCC was organized following a similar conference on Sept. 3, held in the YMCA there. Rev. Yoshiaki Akaishi was chairman and Secretary Ebisawa again addressed the gathering, composed of 27 pastors and evangelists. Rev. Tsugo Takahashi was elected to be responsible for Christian Literature, while the YM and YWCA will serve as depositories for the reading material.

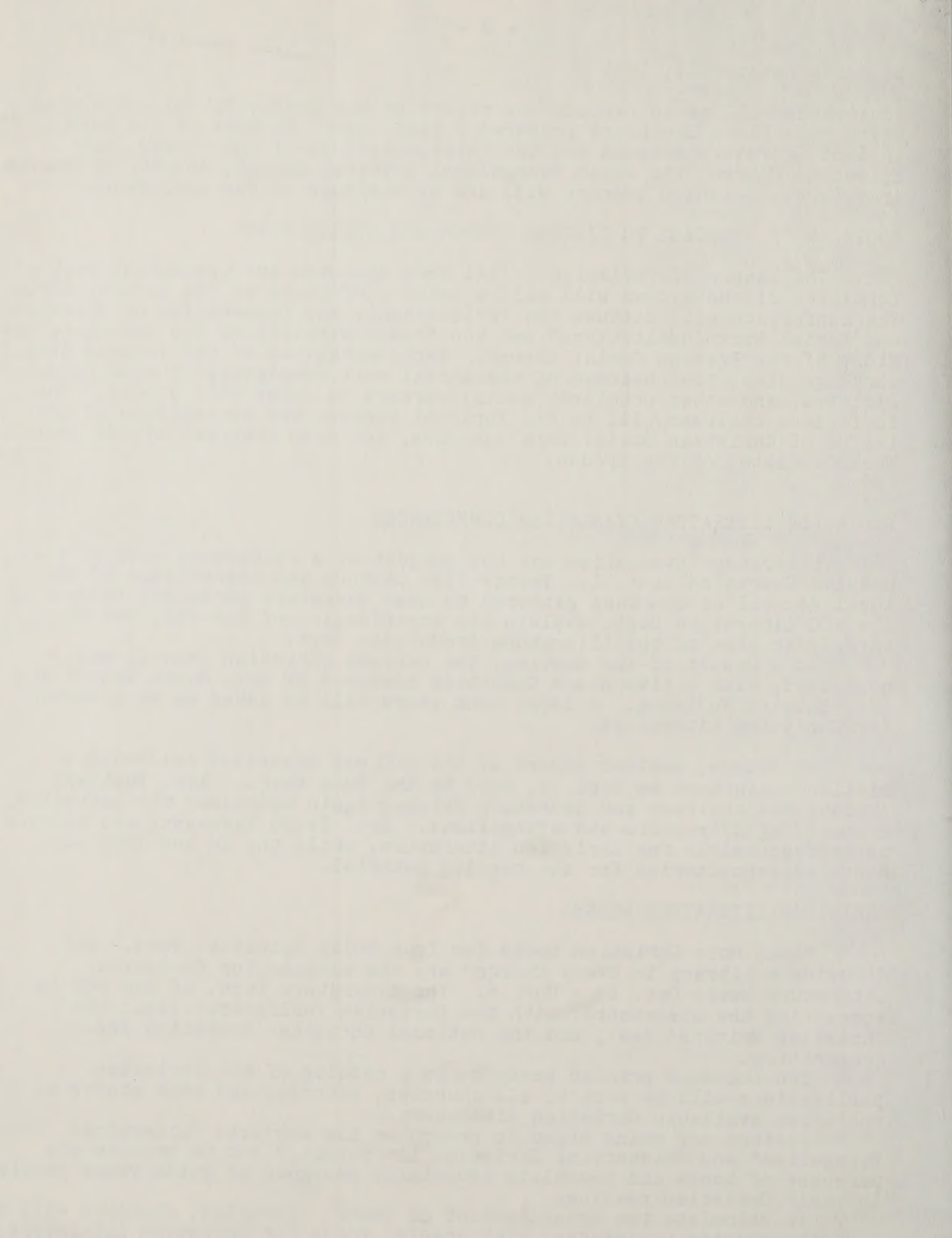
CHRISTIAN LITERATURE WEEKS

"Read More Christian Books for Your Daily Spiritual Food," and "Provide a Library in Every Church" are the slogans for Christian Literature Weeks Oct. 18 - Nov. 8. The Literature Dept. of the NCC is sponsoring the observance, with the Christian Publishers' Ass., the Christian Writers' Ass., and the National Christian Education Ass. cooperating.

Ten thousand printed posters and a catalog of all Christian publications will be sent to all churches, schools, and book stores to publicize available Christian literature.

Pastors are being urged to preach on the subjects "Literature Evangelism" and "History of Christian Literature," and to promote the purchase of books and pamphlets especially designed to guide young people in their Christian reading.

To stimulate the establishment of church libraries, churches will be asked to provide the pastors with special funds for Christian literature,



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and to enlarge existing church libraries or begin new libraries. Individual Christians will be urged to secure devotional books and to subscribe to Christian magazines for their families and friends.

NCC CHRISTIAN LITERATURE DEPT. BOARD HOLDS MEETING

Important decisions made at the meeting of the Board of the Christian Literature Dept. of the NCC on Sept. 18 include:

1. A plan to publish a second edition of the Standard Bible Dictionary on a loan basis in cooperation with the Protestant Publication Co.
2. Plans for publication of two large wall Bible maps (1 x 2 M) of Palestine and the Mediterranean area in cooperation with the Japan Bible Society.
3. The promotion on a nationwide scale of Oct. 18-Nov. 8 as Christian Literature Weeks.
4. The approval of the report on Church School Leaflets which included news of an increase in the number of leaflets to 25,000 copies in six months.

YMCA HONORS FIRST TOKYO SECRETARY

Mr. F.H. Brown, first secretary of the YMCA in Tokyo, was the honored guest at a tea in the National YMCA at Kanda. Mr. Brown, who introduced basketball and volleyball to Japan in 1913, has made a special trip from San Francisco to participate in the Y's 50th Anniversary celebration.

KYODAN EXECUTIVE TO HOLD FALL MEETING

The Executive Committee of the Kyodan will meet at Katase on Oct. 20-22. Included on the agenda will be the Budget for 1954 and a discussion of plans for Church Extension and evangelism.

JAPAN BIBLE SOCIETY LAUNCHES SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION CAMPAIGN

The Japan Bible Society launched a special distribution campaign in Kagoshima, Iwate, and Yamanashi prefectures. Colporteurs carried new colloquial gospel editions especially published for their use.

PERSONAL

Dr. Darley Downs, Field Secretary for the Interboard Committee, will fly to the United States Oct. 17 on an emergency medical leave to undergo a brain operation. Rev. A.R. Stone will act as field secretary during Dr. Down's absence, and Dr. Howard Outerbridge of Kansai Gakuin will assume Mr. Stone's duties as representative of the Board of Overseas Missions of the United Church of Canada on the Council of Cooperation and the Field Committee during this time.

Mrs. Hagho Taylor, executive secretary of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada will arrive in Japan on Oct. 14 for 5 week visit of Kyodan work here.

